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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject:IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As the President of a non-profit that works with high school dropouts, teenage parents, ex-offenders, the handicapped, dislocated workers, the homeless, displaced homemakers, and other unemployed to find employment, I know the importance of affordable broadband access. Many jobs require individuals to apply for employment online. Without affordable internet access, the individuals with which I work, have no chance of gaining employment. With that in mind, I'm writing to urge the Commission to continue working for a solution to the LightSquared/GPS interference issue. The opportunity to expand broadband access is too important to too many people.

Many experts expect that our current broadband capacity will be insufficient if broadband demand continues to soar as it has in the past several years. If our capacity is insufficient, we will face a shortage. We know that when a shortage exists, prices increase. A price increase would be devastating to the populations we serve. LightSquared's plans to construct a national next-generation broadband wireless network would increase capacity, which would ensure disadvantaged populations continue to have the ability to access the Internet.

I understand that less than 1% of GPS receivers have the potential to experience interference with LightSquared's signals. GPS is an important technology, so I ask that the FCC work with the GPS industry and LightSquared to find a technical solution to this problem, so disadvantaged populations do not face the devastating impact of a broadband wireless shortage.

Sincerely,



Gene C. Blue
President/CEO



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